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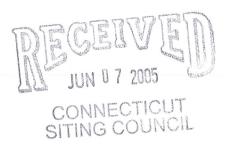
STATE OF CONNECTICUT
SITING COUNCIL

RE: DOCKET NO. 272

FIELD TOUR

WALLINGFORD, MERIDEN, CHESHIRE

FEBRUARY 5, 2004



1	Verbatim proceedings of a field tour
2	conducted by the State of Connecticut Siting Council, Re:
3	Docket No. 272, held on February 5, 2004
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6	MR. CUNLIFFE: We're going to leave the
7	parking lot, turn left onto High Hill High Hill Road -
8	- Hope Hill Road. You might want to wait until everybody
9	is out and in line.
10	A VOICE: Yeah. I'll pull over to the
11	right.
12	A VOICE: And once we get going, if
13	everybody wants to put on their four-ways.
14	MR. CUNLIFFE: Okay. Those that can hear
15	me, you might want to put on your four-way flashers that
16	are in the motorcade.
17	CHAIRMAN KATZ: If the pilot could turn on
18	his warning lights
19	A VOICE: His what?
20	MR. CUNLIFFE: Warning lights. You've got
21	your you've got to put on your
22	A VOICE: My four-way
23	MR. CUNLIFFE: The ones up top.
24	A VOICE: Oh, the one on top.

1	MR. CUNLIFFE: Yeah.
2	A VOICE: The flashers?
3	MR. CUNLIFFE: Yeah. Either the rear
4	ones or we need the front ones since you're the front
5	car.
6	A VOICE: I really don't want to
7	MR. CUNLIFFE: You don't want to do them?
8	A VOICE: because of traffic
9	MR. CUNLIFFE: Okay. Let's
10	A VOICE: until we got on our route.
11	MR. CUNLIFFE: That's fine. You can do
12	what you want.
13	A VOICE: Yeah, they're your lights, you
14	can use them any way you want to.
15	A VOICE: I guess I just didn't want to
16	have traffic stopping and all that until we got really
17	you know, until we really need it.
18	MR. CUNLIFFE: At the end of Hope Hill
19	Road you'll come to a light, that's Route 68, Church
20	Street, take a right.
21	A VOICE: It's just not used to being over
22	there
23	A VOICE: I just don't want the hat to get
24	crushed. (Laughter). Is that part of that hefty uniform

1	allowance.
2	A VOICE: (Indiscernible)
3	MR. CUNLIFFE: We're approaching the
4	junction with Route 150. You're going to stay straight
5	on Route 68 through this intersection. We're going to
6	work our way over to 15.
7	A VOICE: Okay.
8	(Pause)
9	MR. PHELPS: I'm going to ask that the
10	pilot and the tail car have their warning lights on for
11	us, especially when we're on a busy road like this since
12	we're going to try to stay together with the police
13	escort here.
14	A VOICE: When they say warning lights on,
15	are they talking about my flashers up on top of
16	A VOICE: Yeah
17	MR. CUNLIFFE: Yeah
18	A VOICE: they're talking about your
19	flashers.
20	A VOICE: You see if I put them on, people
21	<del>_</del> _
22	MR. CUNLIFFE: Yeah, I know, they
23	A VOICE: it's just going to mess
24	things up

1	MR. CUNLIFFE: The signal you send is two
2	things, either people are going to try to wait or they
3	ignore you.
4	A VOICE: That's true.
5	MR. CUNLIFFE: Do you want me to tell
6	Derek that
7	A VOICE: Yeah
8	MR. CUNLIFFE: you don't want to use
9	them or not?
10	A VOICE: Yeah, just let him know I
11	mean until we really get on the route
12	MR. CUNLIFFE: Start okay. Derek, the
13	trooper is going to make a judgment here and he's not
14	going to use his four-way flashers until we begin the
15	route review. We're just to wait until we get to the
16	starting point in Meriden
17	MR. PHELPS: Alright, fair enough, as long
18	as (indiscernible) using it when he thinks it's
19	necessary
20	A VOICE: Oh, no problem
21	MR. PHELPS: I appreciate that. Thank
22	you.
23	MR. CUNLIFFE: He agrees. When he thinks
24	he needs it, he'll use them. Take a left here. At the

1	intersection to join Route 5 and 15 north, you take a
2	left off Route 68.
3	At the traffic light at Route 15, you wan
4	to go north, it's a right-hand turn.
5	A VOICE: Do me a favor, pass me the
6	microphone for a minute. Thank you. I'm getting I'm
7	getting interference in my ear every time you key that
8	microphone.
9	A VOICE: This one?
10	A VOICE: Yep. I just want to I just
11	want to see what's going to happen if I keep the cord
12	back here.
13	MR. CUNLIFFE: Now do you hear it?
14	A VOICE: No. So, I guess we'll we'll
15	figure out something else.
16	MR. CUNLIFFE: You might be able to
17	A VOICE: If I have to stand here if I
18	have to sit here and hold it, it's no big deal.
19	MR. CUNLIFFE: As long as it picks up.
20	A VOICE: Yep. We just made a right onto
21	Route 5, is that right?
22	MR. CUNLIFFE: I already said that.
23	A VOICE: Oh, okay. But I couldn't hear
24	it because there was too much interference in my ear, so

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2	MR. CUNLIFFE: Oh. We're on Route 5 north
3	going to the entrance to Route 15 north. We're heading
4	north on Route 15 or 5, where we'll be turning onto
5	Route 15 north entrance. (Pause).
6	We're following Route 15 north. We're
7	taking Exit 67, East Main Street. We're approaching Exit
8	67. At the end of the ramp, you're going to go right
9	onto East Main Street in Meriden. (Pause).
10	We're going to go down into the Black Pond
11	boat launch area.
12	A VOICE: Just as we get there
13	MR. CUNLIFFE: Okay. That's fine. No,
14	I'm just telling you that's I want to go down into
15	that area.
16	A VOICE: Okay.
17	MR. CUNLIFFE: I want to go down this
18	A VOICE: Down here?
19	MR. CUNLIFFE: No, no, go down here
20	because I want to show them the transmission lines. At
21	the beginning of the transmission line route here in
22	Meriden, if you look straight ahead to your left, Black
23	Pond Junction is the location of the 345-kV lines, and
24	we're going to turn down into the Black Pond boat launch

1	area just to be able to turn around and begin our route
2	review.
3	A VOICE: Fred, I don't know how other
4	people are receiving you, but you're really breaking up
5	on our radio.
6	MR. CUNLIFFE: How's that, Brian?
7	A VOICE: You still break up.
8	A VOICE: Let's do this
9	MR. CUNLIFFE: Okay
10	CHAIRMAN KATZ: Fred, where's Black Pond
11	Junction (indiscernible)
12	A VOICE: Now try.
13	MR. CUNLIFFE: Black Pond Junction would
14	have been to our left. We can't see it now, but when we
15	come back out of the boat launch and turn left out of the
16	boat launch area, we'll be able to get a view of the
17	area.
18	CHAIRMAN KATZ: I saw a black lattice
19	structure next two brown steel pole structures. That's
20	it?
21	MR. CUNLIFFE: Correct.
22	A VOICE: Excuse me, Derek. I think that
23	might be the wrong right-of-way. The existing right-of-
24	way should have a single monopole on it on the east side

1	of the right-of-way.
2	CHAIRMAN KATZ: Al, when we get back up
3	there, you'll point us in the right direction?
4	A VOICE: Yes.
5	(Pause)
6	MR. CUNLIFFE: Snowmobiles. We're going
7	to be leaving the Black Pond boat launch area turning
8	left. And straight ahead you'll see two gray poles, I
9	believe that's the poles that CL&P is identifying as the
10	route location. To your far right you can see the tops
11	of three lattice structures with like a V configuration,
12	and that would be Black Pond Junction.
13	A VOICE: Yeah, Fred, describe what the
14	proposal is here?
15	MR. CUNLIFFE: The structures will start
16	to change going south. They call for two new steel
17	monopoles to be constructed on the west of the existing
18	monopole that you see to your left right now.
19	A VOICE: What happens on the right?
20	MR. CUNLIFFE: Two new steel poles will be
21	constructed to support two new 345-kV circuits.
22	A VOICE: And you're okay this way if you
23	want to go
24	A VOICE: Do we know existing heights

1	versus proposed?
2	MR. CUNLIFFE: The new monopoles will be
3	approximately you're going to take a left up here
4	be typically 130 feet in height. And those structures
5	that you see are about that height right now.
6	A VOICE: Thanks.
7	A VOICE: Are these 345's existing now?
8	MR. CUNLIFFE: The circuit that you see
9	now as one, yes.
10	From Black Pond Junction or Black Pond
11	boat launch we turned left onto Old East Main Street.
12	Take a left.
13	(Radio chatter)
14	A VOICE: Fred, just to check on the new
15	routing, the new towers come west of the existing ones,
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16	so they will be closer to these residences along here?
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17	MR. CUNLIFFE: That's correct. This is
17 18	MR. CUNLIFFE: That's correct. This is west of the line.
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1	the existing right-of-way.
2	MR. PHELPS: Pilot car could you stop at
3	the stop sign for just a moment please.
4	A VOICE: And the new tower would be
5	approximately 120 feet.
6	A VOICE: A hundred and twenty feet from
7	what?
8	A VOICE: From the existing tower, the
9	centerline.
10	A VOICE: A hundred and twenty feet to the
11	west of the centerline
12	A VOICE: You're got your antenna mounted
13	on the roof here, right, somewhere?
14	A VOICE: Correct.
15	A VOICE: It's right next to that flashing
16	light?
17	MR. CUNLIFFE: It's right here. Are you
18	getting the same thing Brian is getting?
19	A VOICE: Yeah. Hold on for a second.
20	Just feed me a little more line.
21	A VOICE: They would be coming towards us
22	from the existing towers
23	A VOICE: Right, got'cha.
24	A VOICE: Okay, thank you.

1	MR. CUNLIFFE: A radio check. I
2	repositioned my antenna. Does that help everybody?
3	A VOICE: It sounds good here.
4	CHAIRMAN KATZ: Good here.
5	A VOICE: Good here.
6	A VOICE: Good for UI and NU. And the
7	right-of-way additionally is 275 feet wide here and there
8	would be no additional right-of-way required.
9	MR. CUNLIFFE: We turned left off of Old
10	East Main Street onto Birdseye Avenue. We're at the end
11	of Birdseye Avenue and we're going to take a left onto
12	Thorpe Avenue. The right-of-way will parallel Thorpe
13	Avenue to our left or east. And we will follow Thorpe
14	Avenue a distance to Carpenter Lane, which is the next
15	location for description, and that is the proposed Beseck
16	Switching Station. (Pause). Stay straight along Thorpe
17	Avenue.
18	A VOICE: Are the towers there behind this
19	hill, is that why that's why we can't see them?
20	MR. CUNLIFFE: That's correct. The right-
21	of-way is parallel to Thorpe Avenue. There's another
22	road up there, High Hill Road, but it does not completely
23	go through to Carpenter Lane, so this is the most direct
24	route. (Pause).

1	MR. PHELPS: Is the Mayor with us?
2	A VOICE: Yes, the Mayor is here.
3	MR. PHELPS: There was a large route that
4	we just passed by a short distance back. Do you recall
5	what that road might have been?
6	A VOICE: No, I don't. I think we're in
7	Meriden here.
8	A VOICE: I think he's right.
9	A VOICE: Not your not your job.
10	A VOICE: That's correct. Though I should
11	know the name of it, but I don't.
12	A VOICE: We are in Wallingford now.
13	(Pause)
14	MR. PHELPS: Fred, keep talking to us
15	please. You're you're the star entertainer here.
16	MR. CUNLIFFE: We're approaching the end
17	of Thorpe Avenue, intersecting with Research Parkway,
18	take a left. You'll observe a substation to our left as
19	we approach this stop sign, this is not part of the
20	proposal.
21	CHAIRMAN KATZ: What's the name of the
22	substation?
23	MR. CUNLIFFE: I do not know.
24	A VOICE: I believe it's East Wallingford.

1	MR. DICKINSON: Bill Dickinson, Mayor.
2	That was built by Ray Smith, Director of Utilities
3	designed and built by Ray Smith, Director of Utilities,
4	Wallingford Electric Division.
5	MR. CUNLIFFE: At the end of Research
6	Parkway stop sign take a left, this is Carpenter's Lane.
7	Carpenter Lane Junction is the proposed location for the
8	Beseck Switching Station. This area will be located to
9	our right or our southwest of Carpenter Lane, and it will
10	be in the location in the right-of-way as we approach
11	the right-of-way. We're about a thousand feet away.
12	(Radio chatter)
13	A VOICE: Fred, you're breaking up again
14	here.
15	(Radio chatter)
16	CHAIRMAN KATZ: That isn't Fred. That's
17	somebody else on the channel.
18	MR. CUNLIFFE: Slow down right here. You
19	might want to move up a little so the people behind can
20	be underneath the right-of-way.
21	We're at the crossroads of Carpenter Lane
22	with the transmission line. There is both a steel pole
23	and wood H-frames. The steel poles are typically 130
24	feet in height. The wood H-frames are about 57 feet in

1	height.
2	CHAIRMAN KATZ: Fred, this is where the
3	Beseck Substation would be?
4	MR. CUNLIFFE: That's correct. It would
5	be to our right on property owned by Northeast Utilities.
6	A VOICE: Is this a 345 or are we down to
7	the 115 at this point?
8	MR. CUNLIFFE: This would be a switching
9	station for the 345.
10	CHAIRMAN KATZ: Fred, are we talking
11	taller structures here?
12	MR. CUNLIFFE: No taller than what you see
13	as far as the monopole steel poles.
14	The existing wood H-frames would be
15	removed and it will be switched over to the new steel
16	monopoles. There would be two rows of steel monopoles.
17	So the view would be three monopoles, the one existing
18	and two new. The ROW is currently 320 feet in width in
19	this area and no expansion would be necessary.
20	A VOICE: That with the three poles
21	that width there how much wider when we're done
22	with the modification, how much wider from the last pole
23	from one pole to the other pole would the width be?
24	A VOICE: Approximately, 135 feet.

1	A VOICE: And right now I'm looking at,
2	what, 90 feet, 80 feet between those three poles, from
3	the first pole to the last pole?
4	A VOICE: The reason there are three poles
5	there is because the line itself makes a turn. That's
6	all the same circuit.
7	A VOICE: What's the width of those three
8	poles?
9	A VOICE: Roughly a hundred feet.
10	MR. DICKINSON: Bill Dickinson. The plan
11	is to put an additional two monopoles in this area or is
12	it an additional one monopole?
13	MR. CUNLIFFE: The proposal is for two.
14	A VOICE: Fred, just to clarify, at this
15	point we're bringing down two two 45 circuits to this
16	point, right?
17	MR. CUNLIFFE: Right.
18	A VOICE: Thanks.
19	CHAIRMAN KATZ: Fred, what street are we
20	on now?
21	MR. CUNLIFFE: High Hill Road. We made a
22	right off of Carpenter Lane onto High Hill Road. The
23	ROW, right-of-way, will be visible to your right. The
24	companies have designed to relocate several structures

1	away from High Hill Road towards the Bristol Myers Squibb
2	Company in response to feedback during the municipal
3	consultation process.
4	A VOICE: All these new lines will be
5	within the existing right-of-way?
6	MR. CUNLIFFE: That's affirmative.
7	MR. DICKINSON: Bill Dickinson again. The
8	the lines coming in from Middletown and Durham, you're
9	not going to take a look at that? They come in across
10	Valley View and Cliffside at the northern end of High
11	Hill Road.
12	MR. CUNLIFFE: That would be subject to a
13	drive I believe during our Middletown hearing later in
14	the month.
15	A VOICE: Mayor, it might be useful to
16	take a look at that while we're in the vicinity. It's
17	only a couple of minutes out of our way.
18	MR. CUNLIFFE: That I don't have mapped.
19	A VOICE: If you're interested, we can
20	show you where it is.
21	MR. CUNLIFFE: That will be the Chairman's
22	call. Pam?
23	CHAIRMAN KATZ: Just give directions to

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the pilot to do that.

1	MR. CUNLIFFE: Do you want us to do it?
2	Is that what she said?
3	A VOICE: We need to turn around and go
4	back up where we've come from.
5	CHAIRMAN KATZ: How far back?
6	A VOICE: Just past where Carpenter Lane
7	came in, we'd go up and take a right, I believe it's
8	Cliffside at that point. Right?
9	MR. PHELPS: Well, we have about six or
10	seven cars here. Is there a place up ahead where we can
11	easily turn around?
12	A VOICE: There's no turnaround until we
13	get to 68. And that's, as you know, a state highway, so
14	it's not going to be a simple turnaround anywhere.
15	MR. PHELPS: Everybody pick a driveway.
16	(Laughter).
17	MR. CUNLIFFE: If the Mayor would like to
18	lead us up to the neighborhood, I would appreciate it $$
19	appreciate that, thank you.
20	A VOICE: You've got Ray in front of you
21	with the blinkers on, he knows the way.
22	MR. CUNLIFFE: Thank you. We can follow
23	you, Ray.
24	CHAIRMAN KATZ: Make sure we're all

1	together.
2	(Pause)
3	(Phone ringing)
4	A VOICE: What do you need? Don't worry -
5	- yeah, don't worry about it, you'll be fine if you're
6	a little late, my world won't end
7	MR. CUNLIFFE: We've turned right onto
8	Whiskey Hill off of High Hill Road.
9	A VOICE: Yep. Okay. Yep, bye-bye.
10	MR. CUNLIFFE: Make a right off of
11	Carpenter's Lane. Follow Carpenter's Lane south to
12	Whiskey Hill Road, make a left into the Whiskey Hill Road
13	neighborhood. This will bring you back around to
14	Cliffside Drive where a 345-kV line coming in from Durham
15	passes through the neighborhood.
16	A VOICE: We're heading left obviously up
17	Cliffside. And up at the end here is where the lines I
18	believe come in from the Middletown area.
19	A VOICE: That's correct, the line will be
20	just adjacent to the existing steel lattice tower upon
21	Beseck Ridge.
22	A VOICE: If you look up on your right,
23	the tower up there, the lines come down with the red
24	balls on them to alert aircraft.

1	A VOICE: What are the plans for changes
2	in this area?
3	A VOICE: Fred, I'm going to flip the
4	tape.
5	MR. CUNLIFFE: Okay.
6	(tape changed)
7	MR. CUNLIFFE: It's unknown at this time
8	based on the tower that's there. No, I don't see that
9	one lit. This would be helpful
10	A VOICE: I believe the tower would be
11	approximately 112 feet and I don't believe it needs
12	lights until they get up to 200 feet.
13	MR. DICKINSON: Bill Dickinson again.
14	Will there will the existing tower be taken down
15	and this will be a new tower, is that correct?
16	A VOICE: That is correct.
17	MR. CUNLIFFE: We're on Cliffside Drive,
18	turning left onto Valley View Drive in back of Whiskey
19	Hill.
20	A VOICE: The transmission lines you see
21	up ahead of you.
22	MR. CUNLIFFE: This is Fred, Council
23	staff. I just want to remind the questioning process,
24	there is no transcription being taken. And ex parte

1	communication I understand some of this is for your
2	information only, and I'd to keep CL&P its response
3	directly to information that's in the record and nothing
4	more.
5	(Pause)
6	MR. CUNLIFFE: You can probably go around
7	him now.
8	A VOICE: Thanks, Ray.
9	MR. CUNLIFFE: At the end of Valley View
10	we've turned right back onto Whiskey Hill. We're going
11	to take a left onto High Hill Road out to State Route 68.
12	Thank you, Mayor Dickinson, for pointing
13	out that location and incorporating it in this field
14	inspection. It was very helpful, thank you.
15	MR. DICKINSON: You're very welcome.
16	(Pause)
17	MR. CUNLIFFE: At the bottom of the hill
18	is Route 68, you want to turn right, also known as Barnes
19	Hill Road I'm sorry, Barnes Road. We will pass under
20	the right-of-way immediately and it consists of existing
21	wood H-frames approximately 90 feet in height. The
22	proposal calls for a new steel H-frame, yes steel H-
23	frame, to be constructed east of the existing H-frame, 90
24	feet in height as well. The existing ROW is 275 feet and

1	no expansion is necessary.
2	A VOICE: But there would be clearing,
3	right?
4	A VOICE: Clearing, correct.
5	CHAIRMAN KATZ: What's the height of the
6	proposed steel H-frame as opposed to the height of the
7	existing structure?
8	MR. CUNLIFFE: They will be the same.
9	Right now the wood ones are 90 feet or about, and the new
10	ones will be 90 feet.
11	We're passing under the transmission line
12	right-of-way now. The new line would be east of those
13	lines, so to our rear. Oh, we should have taken a left
14	here. That's okay, just keep going. We'll go up and
15	pull in and turn around up at this
16	A VOICE: Up here.
17	MR. CUNLIFFE: Yes.
18	A VOICE: To the right?
19	MR. CUNLIFFE: Yeah, to the turn around
20	we're going to turn into Research Parkway and we're
21	going to turn around. We missed the turn back behind us
22	on Williams Road. I don't know if you can pull a U'ie
23	here.
24	A VOICE: What's this, a factory

1	MR. CUNLIFFE: Yeah, it's probably Bristol
2	Myers okay.
3	MR. PHELPS: Pilot car, that to your right
4	there is the main entrance to BMS and I wouldn't turn in
5	there
6	MR. CUNLIFFE: Okay
7	MR. PHELPS: but if you go to the next
8	entrance, you can turn around in the parking lot there,
9	it will be at your right.
10	MR. CUNLIFFE: Thank you, Derek.
11	MR. PHELPS: The parking lot in there is
12	circular, so we can go completely around in a circle.
13	MR. CUNLIFFE: It looks like a day care
14	place for Bristol Myers.
15	A VOICE: Yeah, it's probably the same
16	building or two
17	A VOICE: Derek, do you visit here every
18	day?
19	CHAIRMAN KATZ: Derek says yes.
20	(Laughter).
21	MR. CUNLIFFE: There must be some

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back out to 68 and make a left at the light.

Turn around in Research Parkway and go

offspring in there. (Pause).

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1	A VOICE: At which light?
2	MR. CUNLIFFE: The light at the end of
3	Research Parkway.
4	A VOICE: Okay. (Laughter).
5	MR. CUNLIFFE: I don't know if anybody is
6	going to listen to these tapes.
· 7	A VOICE: Neither do I, but
8	MR. CUNLIFFE: No, you're right, it will
9	help clarify. I mean they'll have these maps and
10	everything and directions, I don't take a left
11	A VOICE: Okay.
12	MR. CUNLIFFE: We're going to be turning
13	left out of Research Parkway and then we'll be taking a
14	right onto Williams Road.
15	A VOICE: Anybody want a mint?
16	A VOICE: Oh, thank you.
17	A VOICE: Sure.
18	A VOICE: Thanks.
19	MR. CUNLIFFE: Leaving Research Parkway,
20	take a left, make a right onto Williams Road. We'll
21	follow Williams Road a bit, and then when we reach a
22	railroad crossing, I'll make some commentary regarding
23	the line in that area. Right now the right-of-way is to
24	our right or west.

1	A VOICE: Is it right or west?
2	A VOICE: The right-of-way is to the east
3	or left.
4	MR. CUNLIFFE: I stand corrected. I'm
5	reading my map right side up and not upside down.
6	CHAIRMAN KATZ: Fred, are you using the
7	segment map?
8	MR. CUNLIFFE: No. I have a map created
9	by the Applicant with roads marked and the right-of-way
10	marked.
11	CHAIRMAN KATZ: Okay.
12	MR. CUNLIFFE: These maps are in the
13	record, along with written directions. And a tape of
14	this review will be in the record. Go straight through
15	this stop sign.
16	A VOICE: Roger.
17	MR. CUNLIFFE: At the four-way stop
18	intersection go straight through, this is still Williams
19	Road.
20	A VOICE: Your right-of-way is about
21	A VOICE: Is it to your left
22	A VOICE: Yeah, it's off to the left about
23	it looks to be about 500 yards, maybe not quite that
24	much.

1	MR. CUNLIFFE: For those that can view, to
2	your left you can pick up glimpses of the transmission
3	line structures, they're wood. You can see the tops.
4	I have a note here from the Town of
5	Wallingford. Running Brook Farm is located at 490
6	Williams Road. If Ray or the Mayor pretty much knows
7	about that location, at that time they could point it
8	out.
9	A VOICE: I think we passed it.
10	MR. CUNLIFFE: Okay. Go straight.
11	A VOICE: Okay.
12	MR. CUNLIFFE: At a fork in the road stay
13	bear left. It's still Williams Road. To our left
14	there's a railroad track and the right-of-way on the
15	other side to our left or east is currently occupied by a
16	wood H-frame, 90 feet in height with a 345-kV line. The
17	proposal calls for a new steel H-frame to be built east
18	of this line supporting a new 345.
19	We're going to take a left and cross over
20	the railroad tracks.
21	CHAIRMAN KATZ: East closer to us or
22	further from us?
23	MR. CUNLIFFE: East is further from us.
24	You get a good vantage both east and west here. No

1	expansion of the right-of-way is proposed.
2	A VOICE: Mayor, that pole I was just
3	pointing at, just for your information, was set in 1917 -
4	_
5	(Radio chatter)
6	CHAIRMAN KATZ: Fred, the H-frames we saw
7	to the right are they coming out or is the new pole in
8	addition to?
9	MR. CUNLIFFE: The new pole is in addition
10	to.
11	A VOICE: The farm house we just passed
12	with the horses, are those lines more lines going
13	through there, are they moving closer to the farm house?
14	MR. CUNLIFFE: That would be true.
15	A VOICE: Thank you. About how many feet?
16	When we keep on talking about we're in the right-of-way
17	or but what I'm more interested in or I think we're
18	interested in is how much closer are you coming to the
19	homes that are adjacent to the right-of-way?
20	MR. CUNLIFFE: There's information in the
21	record that may answer your questions. I'd like to try
22	not to get into too much testimony here. I can refer you
23	to cross-section 5 in the application. And I believe I
24	have that I can show you during the hearing tonight.

1	A VOICE: Okay.
2	A VOICE: Fred, did you want to go down
3	Stony Brook?
4	MR. CUNLIFFE: Yes, I did.
5	A VOICE: You just missed it.
6	MR. CUNLIFFE: Thanks. Let's see what
7	we've got here. We're alright. We're going to make a
8	right. We're okay, Al. We're going to make a right here
9	and go down East Center Street, which is the road I want
10	to be on at the end of Stony Brook.
11	At the end of Williams Street turn right
12	onto East Center Street. Follow East Center Street until
13	you come under the transmission line. Stay in this
14	no, stay right in this lane, that's Northford Road.
15	We're approaching the right-of-way
16	crossing East Center Street, consisting of wood H-frames,
17	90 feet in height. It calls for a new steel H-frame to
18	be constructed in addition to.
19	Follow East Center Street over Interstate
20	91. At the light turn left onto Airline Road.
21	(Radio chatter)
22	CHAIRMAN KATZ: Talk to us, Fred.
23	MR. CUNLIFFE: We're following Airline
24	Road south. Interstate 91 is to our left. Beyond

- Interstate 91 is the right-of-way. You might be able to
  pick glimpses of the wood structures. I believe right
  now as we're driving straight and south you can look out
  your front window and see a structure.

  At the end of Airline Road, we're going to
  turn left and cross under the transmission line again,
- A VOICE: Right through there you can see it pretty clearly, Fred.
- MR. CUNLIFFE: Yeah. Well, we'll be passing right under it in a moment.

and that would be at Woodhouse Road.

- At the traffic light, at the end of South

  Airline Road turn left, this is Woodhouse Road, also

  Route 150.
- Pass under Interstate 91 and you'll come
  to the transmission line right-of-way consisting of wood
  H-frames, 90 feet in height. A new line would be
  constructed east or to the left of this line as you look
  south.
- CHAIRMAN KATZ: Fred, so closer to the
- MR. CUNLIFFE: No, I don't think so by my
- 23 read on it.

track?

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A VOICE: The existing would, I think --

1	CHAIRMAN KATZ: So they're further away
2	from the railroad track.
3	A VOICE: And closer to the houses.
4	CHAIRMAN KATZ: Got it.
5	A VOICE: As I look (indiscernible)
6	A VOICE: On your right is the Pilgrim's
7	Harbor Condominium area and the Harbor Ridge golf course.
8	A VOICE: Could someone confirm whether
9	we're either left or right of the existing structures?
10	A VOICE: They're on the east side, which
11	would be to the right. This is UI.
12	A VOICE: The right?
13	MR. CUNLIFFE: Take a
14	A VOICE: The east is to our left.
15	MR. CUNLIFFE: Follow the public golf
16	course sign onto Harrison Road.
17	A VOICE: UI again to clarify. It would
18	be further away from the railroad tracks.
19	A VOICE: (Indiscernible) the
20	structures the existing structures.
21	MR. CUNLIFFE: Take a right. At the stop
22	sign take a right and be aware of a dog under the stop
23	sign.
24	CL&P/UI might be able to confirm or deny

1 my notes. I have the new 345-kV transmission line would 2 occupy property between the railroad tracks and I-91. 3 Does that stand correct? 4 Stay straight. Stay straight through the 5 stop. You're going to cross railroad tracks. 6 A VOICE: Could we confirm exactly where 7 these poles are going please? 8 A VOICE: As you look to the right, the 9 new structures would be on the right. 10 MR. PHELPS: Let's pause for a minute 11 We need to make sure we understand what we're here. 12 seeing. 13 A VOICE: Derek, this is Al. The -- if 14 you look to the right, down the right-of-way you'd be 15 looking north, the new structures would be to the right 16 of the existing structures. 17 A VOICE: Got it. Thank you. 18 A VOICE: That -- that is where the right-19 of-way is. 20 A VOICE: And what distance away from the 21 existing structures would they be? 22 From centerline of the existing A VOICE: 23 H-frame, the new H-frame would be approximately 85 feet.

MR. CUNLIFFE: Harrison Road crosses over

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1	I-91. You'll be taking a left onto Pond Hill Road.
2	MR. DICKINSON: This is Bill Dickinson. I
3	think over to (indiscernible) a westerly direction,
4	is that correct?
5	MR. CUNLIFFE: That's correct, and we'll
6	be passing under those on Pond Hill Road.
7	MR. DICKINSON: Again over here on the
8	left just beyond the houses, you can see the lines.
9	MR. CUNLIFFE: At the stop sign go
10	straight, then make a left just before the church. We'll
11	be passing under the transmission line right-of-way which
12	goes east to west from East Wallingford Junction. This
13	is an existing 115-kV line, which would be removed and
14	replaced with a 345-kV line. Those wood structures stand
15	about 57 feet in height. The new steel monopole would be
16	about 105 feet in height. Roughly in the same location
17	as the H-frames.
18	A VOICE: Fred, although we didn't see it,
19	is that the 345 line that we saw just before there
20	over along those houses, is that the line that then
21	continues to New Haven, East Shore?
22	MR. CUNLIFFE: Affirmative. That would be
23	from the location of the East Wallingford Junction where
24	a 115-kV line parallels and splits west, which we just

1	passed under.
2	Take a right. We're going to take a right
3	before the underpass onto Northfield Road off of Pond
4	Hill Road. We follow Northfield Road out to U.S. Route 5
5	away from the transmission line, which is to our south
6	and left. We'll pick it up as it crosses I'm sorry,
7	the transmission line is to our right or north and
8	we'll pick it up crossing U.S. 5.
9	This will be the location of a rest stop
10	at Dunkin Donuts. It's 4:30 already.
11	A VOICE: It's 4:30?
12	A VOICE: Yeah, I know.
13	A VOICE: (Indiscernible) speed things
14	up.
15	A VOICE: (Indiscernible) they would be
16	removed. My understanding of it, they there will be
17	construction through that area, the 345 structures and
18	then also the 115. Is that not correct?
19	MR. CUNLIFFE: The new steel monopole
20	would support both the existing 115-kV, which will be
21	removed from its present location to the steel pole, and
22	then a new 345-kV would be hung on the new steel pole.
23	A VOICE: Watch out for the kids.
24	MR. CUNLIFFE: And watch out for the kids.

1	A VOICE: And one structure will hold both
2	the 345 and the 115?
3	MR. CUNLIFFE: Affirmative.
4	A VOICE: Okay, Fred, we're willing to
5	pass on any kind of a stop.
6	MR. CUNLIFFE: Is that okay for everybody,
7	we can keep moving? We're about more than halfway
8	through.
9	A VOICE: Keep moving.
10	MR. CUNLIFFE: Okay.
11	CHAIRMAN KATZ: We pass too.
12	MR. CUNLIFFE: At U.S. Route 5 make a
13	right going north. In front of you you'll see a
14	transmission line, this is not part of the proposal.
15	(Phone ringing)
16	A VOICE: Yes? (Talking on phone).
17	MR. CUNLIFFE: We're passing under the
18	existing right-of-way, it's coming from our right or from
19	the east moving west to our left to a steel a large
20	steel monopole to your left, North Haven Junction, one
21	splits to the south, one splits to the north to the
22	Wallingford electric recovery facility.
23	MR. DICKINSON: Bill Dickinson again.
24	Over to the left as the lines head to the west, will that

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- 1 be a single set of poles or will that be a new set of 345
- 2 poles beside the 115?
- MR. CUNLIFFE: I have notes that indicate
- from this point west, Circuit 1630 will remain on a wood
- 5 H-frame structure.
- Take a left up at this light up ahead.
- You may want to start moving to your left, we're going to
- 8 take a left at the light next to the Executive Dodge
- 9 dealership, this is John Street.
- 10 At the light, the intersection with South
- 11 Cherry make a left.
- 12 CHAIRMAN KATZ: By the -- (indiscernible)
- 13 -- offices of Ray Smith.
- 14 A VOICE: Very close, Pam.
- 15 A VOICE: (Indiscernible) -- to a dead end
- 16 at Cytec, you're aware of that?
- MR. CUNLIFFE: Yes, I am. At that dead
- end you'll have a nice vantage of the transmission line
- 19 right-of-way.
- To our right you'll see new steel
- 21 structures supporting circuits that leave the new
- Wallingford five gas turbine facility heading south to
- the existing transmission line where it taps into that
- line.

1	A VOICE: Okay, Fred, I've got to change
2	the tape.
3	(tape changed)
4	MR. CUNLIFFE: (Indiscernible) the
5	line tap, the new structure next to the old wood
6	structure, and this is where we're going to turn around
7	right past the Cytec sign, you can turn around in the
8	parking area.
9	To your right you can see the
10	interconnection of the Wallingford energy plant to the
11	transmission line that is proposed to be reconstructed.
12	The existing H-frames would need to be retained to
13	accommodate that interconnection. And to our left or
14	west, Pent Road Junction, which I've already identified,
15	where new structures supporting circuits from the Pierce
16	generating station, five gas turbines, interconnects with
17	the ROW there. Further west the wood H-frames go to
18	Wallingford Junction.
19	We're following South Cherry Street North.
20	We're going to stay on South Cherry Street to work our
21	way over the Quinnipiac River and Route 15 onto South
22	Turnpike Road, and that will bring us back south to the
23	South Turnpike Road crossing. That will take us a little
24	bit not much more commentary between now and there.

1	MR. PHELPS: Hey, Ed.
2	A VOICE: Yeah, Derek?
3	MR. PHELPS: So how was the
4	(indiscernible)
5	A VOICE: It's going to be fine. The
6	the only thing I didn't discover is which way I need to
7	bring my gear in, but I'm sure there's a way to get in
8	there.
9	MR. PHELPS: Did you are you going to
10	use the house system?
11	A VOICE: The way it's set up, I think I'm
12	going to use both.
13	MR. PHELPS: You've got the toy all set up
14	and ready to go?
15	A VOICE: Yeah, that will be that will
16	be no problem at all.
17	MR. PHELPS: And do they have a screen or
18	are we going to be using our own or what?
19	A VOICE: That is one thing I didn't look
20	at simply because there's a lighting issue on the stage.
21	And so I think we're probably going to set our own screen
22	off to one side.
23	MR. PHELPS: Alright.
24	MR. CUNLIFFE: Take a left here. At this

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Т	right we're going to take a left onto Ward Street where
2	it says Carpet Wholesalers open to the public. Follow
3	Ward Street west.
4	A VOICE: I will double check that when we
5	get when we get back to the school, but it looks like
6	I may have a lighting issue with the lights on the stage
7	itself.
8	MR. CUNLIFFE: Straight through the stop
9	sign still on Ward Street. At the light, stay straight
10	through the light, and this becomes Quinnipiac.
11	Stay straight through the light. Go under
12	Route 15 through the underpass. (Pause).
13	Stay straight through the light, this is
14	South Turnpike Road, and we will follow this to the
15	Mansion Road crossing where the transmission line goes
16	overhead.
17	CHAIRMAN KATZ: Go Fred go Ed.
18	A VOICE: Go Ed?
19	A VOICE: Ed Wilensky. Apparently he was
20	getting ready to stop for the stop for the traffic
21	light.
22	MR. CUNLIFFE: Oh. Oakdale Theater will
23	be on your right. Continue south on South Turnpike. Go
24	by Industrial Electrical and Electronic Supply House,

1	Transmission Equipment International, and Mansion Road
2	will be on your right.
3	We're approaching Mansion Road, you're
4	going to turn right. The transmission line right-of-way
5	is directly overhead at the intersection. The
6	transmission lines bears to our left, we'll pick it up
7	with good vantage on Mansion Road. This part of the
8	right-of-way consists of existing steel lattice towers
9	about 90 feet in height, supporting two 115-kV circuits.
10	The proposal calls for an addition of a new steel
11	monopole of about 108 feet in height, supporting a 345-kV
12	line, and that would be placed further south or away from
13	us and the existing transmission line corridor. The
14	location of this transmission line right-of-way is on the
15	border of the Towns of Hamden and Wallingford.
16	As we approach the orchard, you should be
17	able to see the transmission line structures to the left
18	and on top of the ridge. The right-of-way in this area
19	is about 200 feet in width and would not require
20	expansion.
21	A VOICE: Fred, have you listened to any
22	of these tapes yet?
23	MR. CUNLIFFE: I don't want to.
24	(Laughter).

1	A VOICE: You really should. It's
2	interesting the things that you pick up.
3	A VOICE: Can you see or
4	MR. CUNLIFFE: Yeah, I'm alright.
5	A VOICE: What brought it to mind was the
6	chain banging against the computer, you hear all this
7	stuff on the tape
8	MR. CUNLIFFE: Oh
9	A VOICE: Yeah no, don't worry about
10	it. You know, it's it's just all it is is just
11	background noises
12	MR. CUNLIFFE: Background
13	A VOICE: and somebody listening to the
14	tape is wondering what is that. Just like every time one
15	of us uses our Nextel phone, you get a series of clicks
16	in the tape.
17	MR. CUNLIFFE: Stay straight. Follow
18	Mansion Road, Blue Hills Road is to your right, stay
19	straight. The orchards are to your left and right. The
20	transmission line right-of-way with the steel structures
21	and the conductors are visible to our left or to the
22	south of Mansion Road.
23	CHAIRMAN KATZ: Fred, do you know who owns
24	this orchard?

1	MR. CUNLIFFE: No.
2	A VOICE: Did you hear my comment? Blue
3	Hills Orchard.
4	CHAIRMAN KATZ: What kind of trees are
5	these?
6	A VOICE: There's a variety; Apple, Peach,
7	perhaps Pear as well.
8	CHAIRMAN KATZ: Thanks.
9	A VOICE: There's the right-of-way.
10	MR. CUNLIFFE: We're passing under the
11	right-of-way on Mansion Road, it's steel lattice
12	supporting two 115-kV circuits. The steel lattice towers
13	are about 90 feet in height. Adjacent to it would be a
14	new monopole a steel monopole, 108 feet in height.
15	MR. DICKINSON: Bill Dickinson. Just a
16	comment with regard to the orchards. They ship
17	internationally and are fairly well known for their
18	product.
19	MR. CUNLIFFE: You'll approach a fork in
20	the road, bear right, this is still Mansion Road.
21	At the stop sign, we're at the three
22	corners of Cheshire, Hamden and Wallingford, you're going
23	to turn right onto Tuttle Avenue. The neighborhood that
24	we'll be approaching is called Cook Hill Junction, Old

1	Farms Road neighborhood. This is the location for a
2	supported change. I will comment when we get into the
3	neighborhood. Take a left.
4	Old Farms Road is on our left, we turn
5	left for the transmission line right-of-way, which is
6	visible. The proposed change here would be that the 1640
7	circuit would be constructed under ground and the other
8	115-kV circuit would be reconstructed on a new steel
9	monopole supporting a 345-kV line in this right-of-way.
10	The steel lattice towers would be removed and the
11	monopoles would be the new structures.
12	As we approach crossing under the
13	transmission line, straight ahead you'll notice a stocky
14	built lattice tower, this is referred to as Cook Hill
15	Junction. The proposed overhead lines would continue
16	towards this point then turn south and would contain a
17	new 345-kV transmission line and a reconstructed 115-kV
18	line. The street would have a underground 115-kV line.
19	The road that we're driving on is proposed as an
20	underground route for 115 to alleviate the additional
21	construction of other overhead structures.
22	To our right you will see steel lattice
23	and wood H-frames, those would be removed and a new steel
24	pole would be put in place.

1	CHAIRMAN KATZ: (Indiscernible) new
2	pole?
3	MR. CUNLIFFE: All existing structures
4	would be removed in favor of a new steel monopole
5	supporting one 115-kV and one new 345-kV. Another 115-kV
6	circuit, which comes out of Cook Hill Junction, would be
7	removed from service to accommodate this.
8	At the end of Old Farms, you will make a
9	right onto Old Lane Road.
10	A VOICE: How high would that one pole be
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12	MR. CUNLIFFE: Just slow down right here -
13	. –
14	A VOICE: How high would that one pole
15	be?
16	MR. CUNLIFFE: I don't have notes
17	referring to the height on that.
18	A VOICE: This is UI. If I could clarify?
19	All three structures will be removed. They will be
20	replaced with two monopoles
21	MR. CUNLIFFE: Two monopoles
22	A VOICE: one monopole will have a 345-
23	kV circuit of approximately 85 feet. The second monopole
24	will have two 115-kV circuits of approximately 80 feet.

1	And this is shown in Figure 8 cross-sections.
2	MR. CUNLIFFE: Thank you. Okay, you can
3	just move along slowly so that everybody can see that and
4	know what they're talking about.
5	CHAIRMAN KATZ: Fred, is there more
6	clearing here?
7	A VOICE: No. We're actually using less
8	with the right-of-way.
9	CHAIRMAN KATZ: Thank you.
10	A VOICE: Pam, it's going to be a well
11	attended hearing tonight.
12	MR. CUNLIFFE: The transmission line
13	crossover of Old Farms Road and Old Lane Road concludes
14	the route review for today. We will see portions of this
15	when we begin the Woodbridge proceeding on Monday, so
16	this will be our jump off point or starting point for the
17	overhead section going west to Woodbridge, Bethany,
18	Hamden, and Orange.
19	A VOICE: What town are we in now, Fred?
20	MR. CUNLIFFE: We are in Cheshire. I
21	would like to make a note that the Cook Hill Junction
22	supported change is in the Town of Cheshire.
23	Take a right. And now we're on Route 10,
24	back to Cook Hill.

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1	A VOICE: Do you want to do that or do you
2	want to just go straight up to 68 and go back 68?
3	MR. CUNLIFFE: Uh I can I can zigzag
4	my way back to the school this way or take 68 all the way
5	up to here and all the way back here, so
6	A VOICE: It's your call
7	MR. CUNLIFFE: Either way.
8	A VOICE: you've got the map.
9	MR. CUNLIFFE: I think the back road will
10	probably be less congested.
11	A VOICE: Yeah, you're probably right.
12	MR. CUNLIFFE: Although this is when
13	everybody is going home, so who knows.
14	The next road on the right if you want to
15	take it. We're taking a right onto Fenn Road. Follow
16	Fenn Road to the end to a T-intersection. There's a
17	house built in 1750.
18	A VOICE: Wow.
19	MR. CUNLIFFE: Probably the only one out
20	here.
21	A VOICE: 1750, you can bet on it.
22	MR. CUNLIFFE: No, this one here has been
23	here for awhile too.

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A VOICE: Wow, that's old.

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1	A VOICE: That's 1724, Fred. The guy from
2	1750 was the newcomer.
3	MR. CUNLIFFE: What was the sign on that
4	one, I missed it
5	A VOICE: Yeah
6	MR. CUNLIFFE: Okay yeah, you're right,
7	25 years later.
8	Take a right. At the end of Fenn Road is
9	Cook Hill Road, turn right and follow Cook Hill Road
10	until it comes to a three-way intersection. (Pause).
11	We're approaching a transmission line
12	right-of-way, this is not part of the proposal, this is
13	another circuit a series of circuits and not part of
14	the proposal.
15	Stay straight. Stay straight through the
16	four-way intersection.
17	A VOICE: Fred, are you going back to
18	Sheehan now?
19	MR. CUNLIFFE: That's correct. I'm going
20	down to Schoolhouse Road.
21	A VOICE: Sounds good.
22	MR. CUNLIFFE: Okay. (Pause). Take a
23	left

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A VOICE: Right here?

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1	MR. CUNLIFFE: Yeah, take a left. Take a
2	left here, Schoolhouse Road. (Pause). Go straight.
3	CHAIRMAN KATZ: Fred, are we off tape
4	now?
5	A VOICE: You're going to make a left at
6	the stop sign?
7	MR. CUNLIFFE: Yep.
8	A VOICE: Okay. I'm just getting this
9	down so if anybody ever asked and tried to follow it,
10	they've got the directions.
11	MR. CUNLIFFE: You've got the part of
12	Schoolhouse Road on there, right?
13	A VOICE: Yep.
14	MR. CUNLIFFE: Take Schoolhouse Road to
15	the stop sign. Cheshire Road goes to your left, go
16	straight. Go to the next stop sign, Cheshire Road goes
17	to the left, follow Cheshire Road the second Cheshire
18	Road.
19	A VOICE: And you'll know you're in the
20	right place if you've got a golf course on your left.
21	MR. CUNLIFFE: This is the restaurant I
22	wanted to take the Council to, and look it's already
23	busy.
24	A VOICE: To the right?

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1	MR. CUNLIFFE: Yep. At the stop sign,
2	Parker Farms Road, take a right. I didn't think it would
3	be open. Follow Parker Farms Road to Hope Hill Road
4	intersection, turn left. Hope Hill Road is where Sheehan
5	High School is located. End of route.
6	
7	(tape stopped)

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